MARSHAL NEBEKER TO HELP STOP INDIAN UPRISING

Uinta Reservation Braves Said to Be Planning the Forbidden "Sun Dance."

Marshal Aquila Nebeker will leave this afternoon for Vernal, where it is reported the Indians are gathering to celebrate the "sun dance," the Indian dance which has lately been put under the ban by Cato Sells, Indian commissioner at Washington. Mr. Nebeker received a telegram from J. D. Martin, agent of the Uintah reservation, last night asking him to come and help him quell the uprising of the Indians, who object to having any restrictions put on their "privileges."

The sun dance is simply an endurance test, according to H. W. Dietz, supervisor of Indian irrigation. It is a sort of religious ceremony. A pole is erected in the center of a fifty-foot circle and on the pole are placed a buffalo head and an eagle. Then the warriors start the dance, blowing on whistles with feathers on the end of them. They all run up to the pole and then hop back, chanting and whistling all the time. It is the usual custom, says Mr. Dietz, for the Indians to dance about five minutes and then rest five minutes, keeping this performance up for three nights and three days.

Considered "Cure All."

"The Indians think that the dance will cure all sickness," said Mr. Dietz, who has witnessed many dances. "I have seen men go into the dance who are hardly able to stand, because they were so sick. As far as I observed, they never were made any better by doing the "sun dance," and in one case last year a man died as a result of the strenuous exertion."

Mr. Dietz has just returned from the Fort Hall Indian reservation in Idaho, and says the police just broke up a sun dance there several days ago and arrested seven leaders, sentencing them to ten days at pitching hay.

Redskins from every corner of the reservation are now assembling at Vernal, according to the telegram received by Marshal Nebeker, and despite the orders from Martin, the Indian agent, the Indians are preparing for the "sun dance."

Expects No Trouble.

Marshal Nebeker said this morning that he did not anticipate any trouble with the Indians, and would simply use all the diplomatic means possible to stop the dance. He will leave for Vernal alone today and will join Mr. Martin. He says the dance is simply a waste of the time that the Indians should be harvesting and attending the important crops. However, Mr. Nebeker feels that the "sun dance" is analagous to the game of football, and that the Indians are as loth to give up their form of barbarism as are the colleges.

Lorenzo D. Creel, general Indian agent for Utah, went to Skull valley and Deep creek yesterday, just after returning from there, where it is reported fanatics of the Gosh-Ute tribes are encouraging the sun dance. As a rule, however, the Indians feel the desirability of obeying the orders of the government.

Thomas G. Hannon, field officer and educational instructor of the Deep creek Indians, arrived in Salt Lake yesterday en route to his home at Defiance, O. After devoting nine months to teaching the Indians, Mr. Hannon has resigned from the Indian service.